GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services - Forest Department – V&E Report – World Bank aided APCFM Project – SMC Works Inspected in Kakinada Forest – False claim for Non-existing works and excess expenditure noticed – Disciplinary action initiated against Sri T.S.R.Ch.V.K. Ranga Rao, Dy. Range Officer (Retd.) - Inquiry finalised and findings received - Provisional decision to impose a penalty of 5% cut in pension for a period of one (1) year besides recovery of Rs.36,000/- - Show-Cause-Notice issued – Explanation received – Final orders – Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (SEC.IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 12 Dated: 03-02-2016
Read the following:-

1. GA(V&E) Dept., C.No.143/V&E/NR/2004, dt:07.05.2004.
2. Govt. Memo.NO.8276/For.IV/04-1, dt:02.12.2004.
3. GA(V&E) Dept., Vigilance Report No.4, dt:10.01.2005.
4. Govt. Memo.NO.8276/For.IV/04-2, dt:02.03.2005.
5. Govt. Memo.NO.8276/For.IV/04, dt:19.12.2012.
6. From the Prl.CCF Ref.No10121/2005/K3, dt.09.05.2014.
7. Govt.Memo.No.8276/For.IV/A1/2004, Dated:21-07-2015.
8. From the Prl.CCF Ref.No10121/2005/Vig-3, dt.24.09.2015.
9. Govt. lr. No. 8276/For.IV/A1/2004, dt. 16.10.2015.
10. From the Prl. Secretary, APPSC, Lr. No. 910/DC&C/3/15, dt. 25.11.2015.

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In the reference 6th cited, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P. Hyderabad has informed that Articles of Charges were issued against Sri T.S.R.Ch.V.K. Ranga Rao, Dy. Range Officer (Retd.) formerly Forest Section Officer Papampeta Section, Rajavommangi Range of Kakinada Division vide Conservator of Forests, Rajahmundry Rc.No.5111/2004/M8, dt:16.03.2009 on the following count:-

Article –I:- That he exhibited gross negligence of duty and caused booking of the expenditure without actual execution of the SMC works of Sunken Gully Pits in (06) VSSs and also caused booking of the excess expenditure in construction of Sunken Gully Pits in another (06) VSSs (total 12 VSSs) of Papampeta Section, Rajavommangi Range of Kakinada division during 2003-04 under World Bank aided AP, Community Forest Management Scheme.

Article –II:- That the Delinquent Officer had charged the expenditure for an amount of Rs.1,12,928.00 without actual execution of the SMC works i.e. Sunken gully pits in (06) VSSs of Papampeta Section, Rajavommangi Range of Kakinada Division during 2003-04 under World Bank aided A.P. Community Forest Management scheme.

Article –III:- That the Delinquent officer has allowed the excess booking of expenditure to a tune of Rs.60,020/- in construction of Sunken Gully pits in (06) VSSs of Papampeta Section, Rajavommangi Range of Kakinada Division during 2003-04 under World Bank aided A.P. Community Forest Management Scheme.

2. The Charged Officer acknowledged the Article of Charges and submitted his explanation. The case was entrusted to the Commissioner of Inquiries vide G.O.Rt.No.556, (For.IV) EFS&T Department, dt:12.12.2011.

3. After conducting the enquiry, the Commissioner of Inquiries has submitted his findings vide his letter dt:28.08.2012. The findings were communicated to the Charged Officer and the Charged Officer has submitted his further defense statement on 27.02.2013.

4. The Charged Officer retired from service on attaining the age of superannuation on 31-03-2009. Hence, the disciplinary proceedings are continued under Rule 9(1) of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

5. After careful examination of the matter, with reference to the findings of the Commissioner of Inquiries, the remarks of the Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests, and material made available, it is observed that the charges framed against the Charged Officer are held proved and it is provisionally decided to impose a penalty of 5% cut in pension for a period of one (1) year besides recovery of Rs.36,000/- from the pensionary benefits of Sri T.S.R.Ch.V.K. Ranga Rao, Dy. Range Officer (Retd.), under rule 9 (1) of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

6. Accordingly a Show Cause Notice was issued to the retired charged officer vide ref. 7th cited. The Charged Officer had submitted his explanation to the Show Cause Notice through the reference 8th cited in which he has agreed for the proposed punishment.

7. Government, after careful examination of the matter hereby order to impose a penalty of 5% cut in pension for a period of one (1) year besides recovery of Rs.36,000/- from the pensionary benefits of Sri T.S.R.Ch.V.K. Ranga Rao, Dy. Range Officer (Retd.), under rule 9 (1) of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

8. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P., Hyderabad shall take necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

ASHWINI KUMAR PARIDA
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P., Hyderabad
The Individual(through the PCCF)
Copy to:
The Accountant General (A&E) A.P., Hyderabad.
The Director of Treasuries & Accounts, Hyderabad, A.P.
The Prl. Secretary, A.P.P.S.C.
(with ref. to Lr. No.910/DC&C/3/2015, dt. 25.11.2015)
S/f, S/c.

//FORWARDED :: BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER